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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 03-10  
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS  
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES  
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: NEW FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2003  
(Ref.: All County Welfare Directors Letter Nos. 90-42, 91-34, 92-19,  
93-16, 94-29, 95-19, 96-17, 97-11, 98-14, 99-15, 00-10, 01-16, and  
02-13.)

The enclosed chart provides you with the poverty level ceilings for all the Medi-Cal percentage programs. These ceilings are derived from the annual federal poverty level (FPL) figures (column 5) published in the Federal Register on February 7, 2003, (Volume 68, Number 26, Pages 6456 - 6458).

We have also enclosed a new Sneed v. Kizer prorated FPL chart based on the new poverty levels (100 percent) which are used for Section 1931(b) applicants and some recipients which are also effective on April 1, 2003.

If you have any questions on the FPL chart, please contact Mr. Dave Rappolee at (916) 657-0163. For questions about the Sneed v. Kizer prorated chart, please contact Ms. Erin Lynch at (916) 654-5769 or Ms. Margie Buzdas at (916) 657-0726.

Original signed by

Beth Fife, Chief  
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Enclosures

2003 FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL CHART						Effective 4/1/03			
Persons	Monthly MMNL(\$)	MMNL as % of FPL	100%(\$) Monthly	Annual(\$) 100% FPL	120% Monthly (\$)	133% Monthly (\$)	185% Monthly (\$)	200% Monthly (\$)	250% Monthly (\$)
1	600	81	749	8980	898	996	1385	1497	1871
2	750	75	1010	12120	1212	1344	1869	2020	2525
2 Adults	934	93	1010	12120	1212	1344	1869	2020	2525
3	934	74	1272	15260	1526	1692	2353	2544	3180
4	1100	72	1534	18400	1840	2040	2837	3067	3834
5	1259	71	1795	21540	2154	2388	3321	3590	4488
6	1417	69	2057	24680	2468	2736	3805	4114	5142
7	1550	67	2319	27820	2782	3084	4289	4637	5796
8	1692	66	2580	30960	3096	3432	4773	5160	6450
9	1825	65	2842	34100	3410	3780	5258	5684	7105
10	1959	64	3104	37240	3724	4128	5742	6207	7759
For each addtn'l member add:	14		262	3140	314	349	485	524	655

\$35: = for Resident in LTC Facilities

133% FPL: = for Children Ages 1 Up To Age 6

MMNL: = for Medically Needy Program

185% FPL: = for Transitional Medi-Cal (TMC)

100% FPL: = for Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Program; and  
 = for Children Ages 6 Up To 19 Percent Program; and  
 = for FPL Program for Aged and Disabled; and  
 < for Section 1931 Applicants and for Certain Recipients

200% FPL: = for Qualified Working Disabled Individuals; and  
 = for Pregnant Women and Infants Up To Age 1 (disregard is in the 200% FPL)  
 250% FPL: = for Healthy Families Program; and for Working Disabled Program

120% FPL: < for Specified Low Income Beneficiaries

Notes:  
 "≥" means: eligibility if budget unit income is equal to or less than income limit.  
 "<" means: eligibility if budget unit income is less than income limit.  
 Figures in above chart are rounded up to next dollar where necessary.

**Section 1931(b) Determinations: Sneede v. Kizer**  
**Prorated FPL Income Standard and Property Levels**  
**- April 1, 2003 -**

**I. MBU Contains an Adult - May also Include an Unborn**

Person Type	1931(b) Income	Property
Single Parent	\$ 749	\$3,000
Single Parent with Unborn	1,010	3,000
Married Couple -Two Adults	1,010	3,000
Married Couple with Unborn	1,272	3,150
Unmarried Couple - Each Unmarried Partner	749	3,000

**II. MBU Contains Adult(s) and Child(ren)**

Allow the full non-Sneede Section 1931(b) income/property limits for the MBU based on the number of individuals in the MBU.

**III. MBU Contains a Nonparent Caretaker Relative, or Child(ren) with No Parents Living in the Home, or Child(ren) Whose Parent is PA/Other PA or Not in the MFBU**

Each MBU receives full non-Sneede 1931(b) income/property limit based on the number of persons in each MBU. If there is a pregnant minor in the MFBU, include the unborn in the pregnant minor's MBU.

**IV. MBU Contains Only Children Who Live with One or Both Parents (Not Stepparents) and They Are in the Same MFBU (Do not include a parent who is PA/other PA and not in the MFBU. Also, if there is a pregnant minor in the MFBU, her unborn is considered as another child in the pregnant minor's MBU.)**

No. of Children in MBU	One Parent		Two Parents	
	Prorated Income	Prorated Property	Prorated Income	Prorated Property
1	\$ 505	\$1,500	\$ 424	\$1,050
2	848	2,100	767	1,650
3	1,151	2,475	1,077	2,070
4	1,436	2,760	1,372	2,400
5	1,715	3,000	1,657	2,679
6	1,988	3,215	1,935	2,925
7	2,258	3,413	2,211	3,150
8	2,527	3,600	2,484	3,360
9	2,794	3,780	2,754	3,437
10*	3,060	3,819	3,024	3,500

**\*NOTE:** Add \$262 for each additional child after 10 to Section 1931(b) income standards to determine prorated income standards.

$$\frac{\text{No. Children in MBU}}{\text{Parent(s) + No. Children in MBU}} \times \text{1931(b) Income Standard for Parent(s) + Child(ren) in MBU} = \text{Prorated income}$$